

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 13 of First Extraordinary Session

By Kurita

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Michael David Bleakley, 1999 Valedictorian of Northeast High School.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this General Assembly should honor those individuals who through their natural talents and unflagging commitment have achieved excellence in their academic careers; and

WHEREAS, Michael David Bleakley is one such outstanding student who has distinguished himself as Valedictorian of the 1999 graduating class at Northeast High School; and

WHEREAS, through long hours of diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and untiring commitment of time and talent, Michael has achieved extraordinary academic success, and has joined the ranks of the elite students of Tennessee and our nation; and

WHEREAS, in his laudable high school career, Michael Bleakley has earned an exceptional grade point average; and

WHEREAS, as a freshman, Michael was a member of the All-County Band and the Mid-State Band, was Eagle of the Month, was first in his school in the National Mathematics League, was co-section leader in the school band, and participated in Interact; and

WHEREAS, as a sophomore, he was a member of the All-County Band and the Mid-State Band, won the National Latin Exam Gold Medal, received numerous Junior Classical

League Awards, participated in the prestigious Governor's School for Sciences (Chemistry), was a section leader for the school band, a valued member of the Math Team, and Interact; and

WHEREAS, as a junior, Michael received a perfect score (Gold Medal) on the National Latin Exam, won numerous Junior Classical League Awards, participated in Boys' State as Minority Leader of the Senate and Secretary of the Education Committee, served as Counsel and Co-President of the Junior Classical League, was a member of the Math Team, the National Honor Society and the Foreign Language Honor Society; and

WHEREAS, this classical scholar added to his many accomplishments during a senior year as a member of Leadership Clarksville, the Junior Classical League as co-President, the Math Team, the National Honor Society, and the Foreign Language Honor Society, as a National Merit Scholarship Finalist, and as the Senior Class "True Gentleman" (outstanding senior boy); and

WHEREAS, Michael has won more than 40 Junior Classical League awards in Regional, State and National Competition during his sophomore and junior years; and

WHEREAS, Michael has also received letters for the Marching Band (9th and 10th grades), Tennis (11th and 12th grades) and Academic (10th, 11th and 12th grades); and

WHEREAS, Michael's display of intellectual prowess and inner drive surely bodes well for his future success; and

WHEREAS, his noteworthy achievements are a great source of pride for his parents, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, Michael's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor and congratulate Michael David Bleakley on his selection as

valedictorian of the 1999 graduating class at Northeast High School and wish him well in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be duly prepared and inscribed, with this final clause deleted.